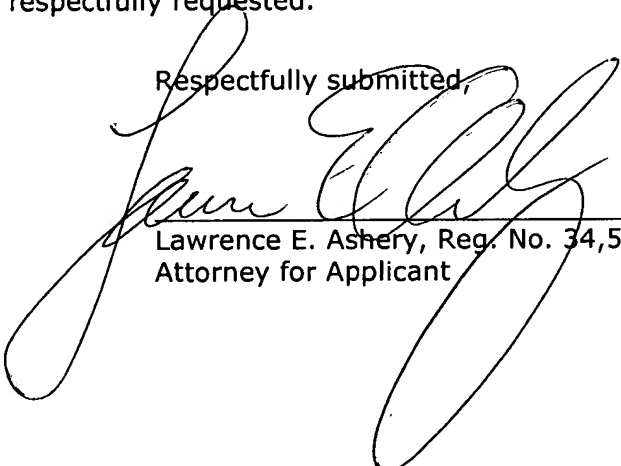


Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1 and 3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hornak (U.S. 5, 365,187). Claims 2 and 4-16, however, were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, the language of claim 2 has been incorporated into claim 1 and the language of claim 4 has been incorporated into claim 3. Claims 2 and 4 have been cancelled. Those claims dependent on claim 4 have been amended to now depend from claim 3.

In view of the amendments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

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